

Women Three Items.  
A Vampire Gallery.  
Wanted: A Ducking Stool.  
An Argentine Plank.

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In this TODAY column, some time before the war ended, the following suggestion was offered to those inclined to look ahead:

The day will come when Japan will be needed to look after revolutionary conditions in Asia, and when Germany will be needed to act as a buffer between Western Europe and anarchy in Russia.

There were gentlemen, including wise Senators, who misunderstood that suggestion. They, perhaps, understand it more clearly today.

You have on this earth fifteen hundred million human beings, the great majority dissatisfied with life, and many hundreds of millions absolute savages, under a thin veneer of NO veneer of civilization. Such civilization, such organized intelligence as the world possesses, it NEEDS badly, especially now that war has torn open old wounds, and people buried deep in misery, dumb hitherto, have begun to talk and tell what they want.

Two thousand houses sacked in Egyptian riots is one headline for today. That is not reassuring. Count Karolvi, of Hungary, is arrested and alleged to have been shot, the usual outbreak in a Bolshevik rash.

If two thousand houses are sacked in Egypt, where the English have powerful forces, look out for what may happen in India, where hundreds of millions lead lives that are not worth living.

The doctor who visits your house tells you that scarlet fever worries him, because of the condition in which it may leave the patient when it is over. It causes deafness and other troubles.

Doctors of the world now consulting in Paris learn that war is a disease that, when it ends or appears to end, leaves other complications more difficult than war.

Nobody pays enough attention to women, in newspapers, in legislatures, or anywhere else. When any attention is paid, it is of a foolish kind usually.

In New Jersey, they seek some way to punish a woman as a "common scold." They would like to revise the "ducking stool." How many "ducking stools" would be needed if all men scolds were ducked every time they scolded senselessly about bills, about children, and a thousand other things?

New Jersey also furnishes this interesting item: A police judge says he is "determined to make women quit leading men away from their families." Poor innocent men, according to this judge, are led astray on the streets by "vampires." These vampires, it seems, powder their faces, then flirt with men, and the judge is going to have their photographs taken and kept by the police authorities. He will institute a "vampire gallery" besides the Rogues Gallery.

This Newark police judge is a worthy and interesting descendant of Adam.

Sensible news comes from the Argentine Republic, where a woman is running for the legislature, the principal plank in her platform being "better treatment for the mothers of unborn children."

In the ancient days such a mother was allowed to take fruit from any tree in anybody's garden. Her condition gave her a right to the fruit; she didn't have to ask permission. Now she is allowed, often, to get down on her hands and knees and scrub off buildings in the night time, after the men have gone home.

After the child is born, she is allowed to pay fifteen or twenty cents a quart for milk to feed it, and buy coal for the painful at the rate of thirty dollars a ton to keep the baby warm, and pay out of her miserably small income the shameful taxes of a dozen corporations, that represent "taxation without representation," on life's necessities.

The woman of the Argentine "as a good plank in her platform," if men of importance paid more attention to such things, they would have less Bolshevik worries.

For more than a year it has been said in this column that Italy could not possibly consent to Jugoslav control of the eastern shore of the Adriatic, could not allow her eastern coast, with no protecting harbors, to be open to attack from the innumerable harbors of the Adriatic east coast.

Italy intends to maintain her ancient civilization, her modern liberties, built up with the courage and blood and genius of great men. She doesn't intend to change, just yet.

You understand the attitude of Italy in regard to the Adriatic east coast when you read today the suggestion that the Jugos-Slavs will join with Hungary in the Bolshevik movement, make themselves part of the dark cloud that is hanging over the East.

Fortunately, there is little doubt that the authorities of the United States and of the allies in Paris will realize the justice of Italy's position in view of recent developments.

It is said that the League of

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## WEATHER:

Rain this afternoon and tonight; colder. Tomorrow, fair and colder. Temperature at 8 a. m. 36 degrees; normal temperature for March 27th for last thirty years, 46 degrees.

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## TAFT AND PRESIDENT CONFERENCE BY CABLE ON LEAGUE PLANS

## SELF DEFENSE AGENT'S PLEA IN KILLING OF RUM RUNNER

WINCHESTER, Va., March 27.—Self defense will be the plea of W. C. Hall, dry agent and his six deputies, who killed Raymond C. Shackelford and wounded, probably fatally, L. D. Hudson near here.

Shackelford and Hudson were transporting an automobile load of liquor from Baltimore to Danville, Va., yesterday when held up at Fisher's Hill, near here. The battle with the dry agents followed.

E. B. Mumford, counsel for the State, told the commission, in Winchester today with J. Sydney Peters, the commissioner and a thorough investigation is being made.

Claims Bootleggers Fired First. Hall shot in self defense, and not until alleged bootleggers had opened fire upon him," Mumford said today.

The lawyer denied that the mob of several hundred persons who gathered here last night demanded that the prohibition officers be turned over to them.

The home guard, called out early today by Mayor J. T. Ward, will be dismissed late today, he announced, after a coroner's jury had viewed the body of Shackelford, which was brought here after the battle on the valley pike.

"Of course, there was some excitement, but I don't feel that the guard was really necessary," Mayor Ward said today. "It was called out merely as a precaution. We expect no trouble."

Commissioner Peters held a long conference today with Mayor Ward, but had no statement to make further than that he was going to make a thorough investigation. He will attend the inquest at Woodstock, Shenandoah county. Since the killing took place in that county, the case will be thrashed out there.

To Go to Grand Jury. Commonwealth Attorney Williams, of Shenandoah county, was expected here this afternoon to confer with (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

## COL. SANCTUARY TO AID IN PAY PROBE

Secretary Baker, at the request of the joint commission of Congress to investigate the salaries of Government employees with a view to reclassification and other reforms, has detailed Lieutenant Colonel Eugene Sanctuary as assistant to the commission.

The announcement of his selection was made today. He will begin his duties immediately, and will assist Secretary Keating in assembling important data for its use.

Lieutenant Colonel Sanctuary will be the general adviser of the board on the many questions of personnel.

## SALE—AUTOMOBILES

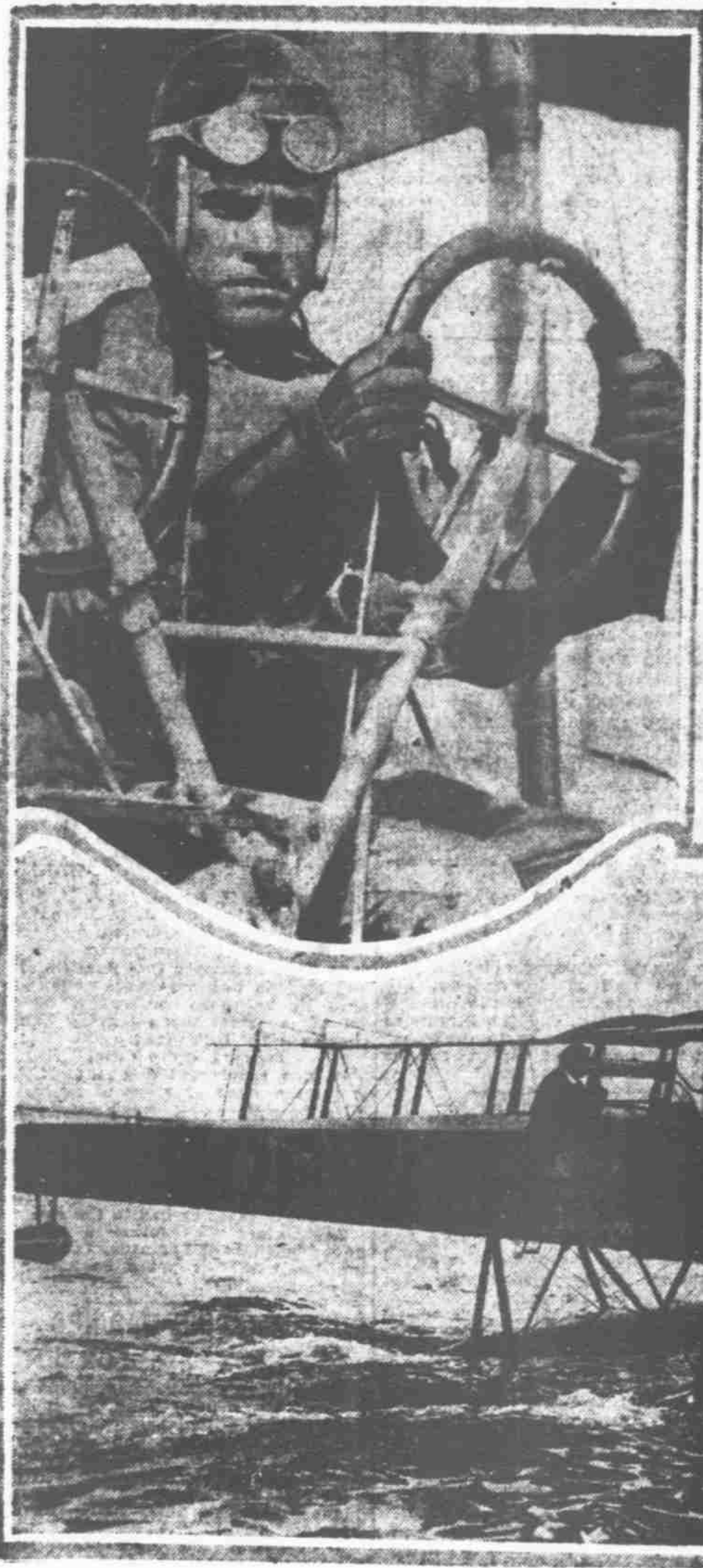
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## U. S. and British Flyers in Race to Cross Atlantic



ABOVE, LIEUT. PATRICK N. L. BELLINGER, U. S. N.; BELOW, HARRY C. HAWKER, THE BRITISH CONTESTANT.

Here are two premier pilots—American and British—one of whom will probably be the first man to cross the Atlantic ocean in an airplane. At the top is the American pilot, Lieut. Comdr. Patrick N. L. Bellinger; below, Harry C. Hawker, the British contestant, and type of Sopwith plane on which he will rely. Both Hawker and the plane are now on their way by steamer to Newfoundland, where the British attempt will start.

## SEEKING TAKE-OFF FOR OCEAN FLIGHT

BOSTON, March 27. The American naval trans-Atlantic flight may start off the Maine coast. The destroyer (Hawker), under command of Lieut. Comdr. J. L. Kaufman, has left the navy yard here to cruise along the coast to try to locate a suitable base from which the United States airman may start on their overseas journey.

On board the destroyer was Comdr. J. N. L. Bellinger, of the Trans-Atlantic section of the United States naval aviation service, and Lieut. E. F. Stone, of the coast guard service. They have been detailed to pick a suitable beach point for the hangars, gas tanks, and other equipment of the flyers.

BAYONNE, N. J., March 27.—The giant hydro-airplane in which Capt. Hugo Stundstedt plans to fly across the Atlantic was partly wrecked when it dropped 400 feet into Newark bay.

Piloted by Commander Seversky, a Russian naval aviator, and Second Lieutenant Baker, a United States army aviation student, the hydroplane failed to come out of a spiral

attempted when the aviators started to land after a flight of several miles.

Neither Captain Stundstedt, the builder, nor Lieut. Paul Mirelli, his aide, were in the machine at the time. The accident was the result of the inability of the flyers to operate the intricate controls.

Several days will be required to rebuild the pontoons and other damaged parts.

LONDON, March 27. The British air ministry, accepting the challenge of the American navy, has announced that an early attempt would be made to accomplish a trans-Atlantic flight in seaplanes.

Preparations are being rushed at the Felixstowe depot for shipping to Newfoundland a mammoth triplane flying boat, known as the "Felixstowe Five." It is said to be the largest craft of its kind in the world, and will carry a crew of five. It will stop at the Azores, and possibly in Lisbon, for fuel. Col. J. C. Porte, it is understood, will be the navigator.

ASK ARMS TO FIGHT REDS. An appeal for arms and munitions with which to combat the spread of Bolshevism was made today to President Wilson, members of the American peace commission, and the House and Senate Foreign Affairs Committees by the Mid-European Union.

There are still more than 1,500,000 "doughboys" overseas. Buy War Savings Stamps and help bring them home.

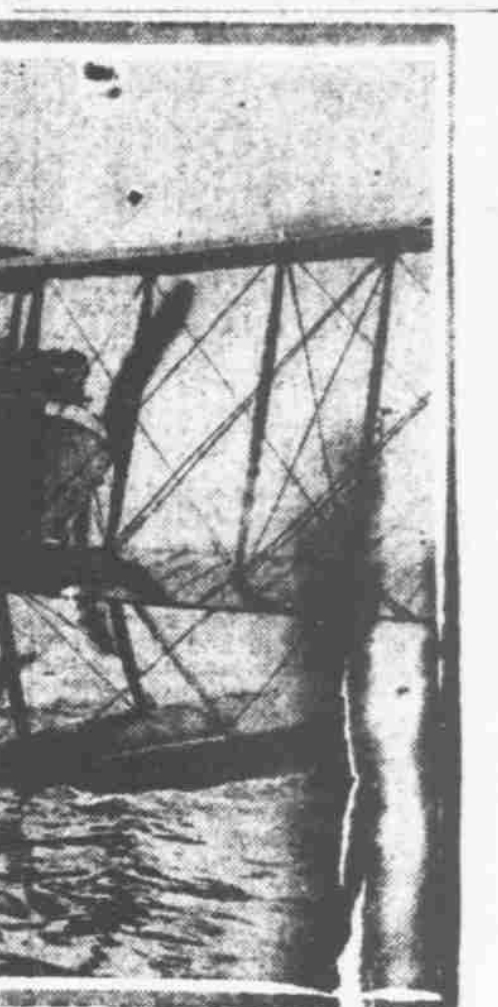
## BESSARABIA QUILTS RUSSIA AND FIGHTS ROUMANIANS

WARSAW, March 27.—Bessarabia has proclaimed its independence, established a soviet republic and begun an offensive against the Rumanian army of occupation, a dispatch from Chotin announces.

Bessarabia was a former province of Russia, bordering Rumania on the northeast. It has been claimed and occupied by Rumania.

The Bessarabian army has captured the important town of Soderoga and is pushing the Rumanians across the Bruth river toward Largu.

Reds Behind Move? The belief was expressed here that the Russian Bolsheviks are engineering the Bessarabian campaign for the (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)



## 60,000 MINERS ON STRIKE IN WALES

LONDON, March 27. Defying the mandates of their leaders, 60,000 Welsh coal miners have gone on strike, said a dispatch to the Star today.

"The Star, in the caption over the story, calls it a 'revolt'."

## ALLENBY IN CAIRO; SITUATION BETTER

CAIRO, March 27.—General Allenby, conqueror of Palestine, who has been appointed military commander of Egypt, has arrived here. It was officially announced that the situation continues to improve, and that opposition to the British authorities is dying out.

## British Use Aeros, Cavalry, And Infantry in Egypt

LONDON, March 27.—Airplanes, cavalry, and infantry are being used by the British military authorities to quell disorders in Egypt, said a Cairo dispatch to the Daily Express today.

Two persons were killed in a clash between troops and a mob at Cairo on March 18.

## Senate May Be Won Over By Changes In League Constitution

Will the controversy which has been aroused over the covenant for a League of Nations go up in smoke?

This question, in one form or another, is being heard today in Congressional and executive quarters, not to mention the general public.

Realization that the entire situation with respect to ratification of the Senate and the attitude of the country at large toward the covenant is likely to be radically changed if the alterations which are intimated from Paris actually are made, has come over Washington in the last day or two.

While it is not safe to conclude that the troubles over the covenant will be to a large extent cut short by compromise, it is an undeniable fact that many public men here see this possibility. They are beginning to talk it openly, and there are distinct signs that a great percentage of them would welcome it.

Await Official Draft. Members of Congress and other public men here are sitting on pins and needles waiting to learn the exact facts with regard to the changes to be made in the covenant. So varied are the reports coming from Paris that responsible men, especially Senators who will have to pass on the treaty, are holding back to see the official text of the revised covenant and the official language of the proposed first treaty.

However, if the Monroe doctrine is recognized clearly and beyond cavil, if the sovereignty of nations is clearly preserved and the chief of the other objections of critics of the original covenant are met, there will be assured a sufficient accession of support in the Senate that ratification will be made a practical certainty.

Principal Objections. In such questions as the voting strength of this country in the league, in the racial equality question, and in the mandatory feature thereof, of course, much possibility of dispute, and until it is definitely known what has been done about these it will not be possible to gauge accurately the extent of Senate opposition.

The broad fact stands out that a number of Senators, who are lining up with the Administration, do not like the original covenant, and want it changed, so they can support it with better grace. A number who have lined up against it would gladly see it altered so they could vote for it with good grace. It is doubtful if a third of the Senate can be mustered to block the arrangement provided the terms of the covenant contain bona fide modifications to meet the most of the serious objections raised to the original draft.

Growing anxiety over the spread of Bolshevism in Europe, in part, are responsible for the general manifestation of unrest over the delays in turning the first peace treaty to a close.

## U.S. AGAIN MENAGED BY COAL SHORTAGE

With miners working only half time, a coal shortage next winter is feared by the Fuel Administration.

Production of both anthracite and bituminous coal stands at a total of about 50 per cent of full-time output, and most of this shortage is caused by the lack of orders, the Fuel Administration announced.

Such a condition has existed since Christmas, the Fuel Administrator said, "and, in fact, production has been at a low ebb ever since the signing of the armistice."

The mild winter is blamed for lack of orders.

"Consumers are advised by the Fuel Administration to conserve the time to buy coal when there is a lack of demand for it, and that condition prevails now."

The industries board is trying to get coal producers to reduce their prices as a means of increasing orders.

## BERGER GETS STAY OF 20 DAYS TO PREPARE APPEAL

CHICAGO, March 27. Federal Judge Landis has granted a twenty-day extension to Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee, and four other Socialist leaders convicted of violation of the espionage law and sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment, in which to prepare their bill of exceptions in the appeal of the case.

## SETTLEMENT OF N. Y. HARBOR STRIKE NEAR

NEW YORK, March 27. Settlement of the harbor strike which has crippled commerce at New York for weeks, again seemed near today, when Federal Mediator Hughes met union leaders to learn the terms under which the boatmen will resume work.

CATCH "BIG FOOT" BURGLAR. DALLAS, Tex., March 27.—Look out for a man with the biggest feet in Dallas," detectives said after they saw tracks around the robbed home of Herbert Lee. The coppers did and arrested a man who confessed.

## PREPARING AMENDMENTS TO MEET ALL OBJECTIONS

Former President Taft is working by cable with President Wilson in an effort to so amend the League of Nations covenant as to make it acceptable to opposition Republicans.

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## ASK T. R., JR., TO RUN FOR VICE PRESIDENT

SEATTLE, March 27.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has been asked by Seattle citizens to become a candidate for Vice President of the United States.

The following telegram was sent to Roosevelt: "Believing that you typify the true American, a group of American soldiers and sailors of Washington are eager to see you follow in the footsteps of your beloved father and offer yourself for national political service."

"We believe that thousands of soldiers and sailors would welcome the announcement of your consent to become a candidate for Vice President of the United States."

NEW YORK, March 27. "There's simply nothing to say," Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., replied when informed of the Roosevelt-for-Vice-President boom. "I haven't received the telegram yet," he added. "It would be premature for me to make any comment. When the telegram arrives I may issue a statement if one is called for."

CUT OFF WIFE'S HAIR. ST. LOUIS, March 26.—Hubby thought she devoted too much time to dressing her hair, so he cut off her "crown of glory." Mrs. Paul G. Werner charged in answer to her husband's divorce suit.

## "Get Out and Stay Out," Austrians Shout As Karl Passes Through

GENEVA, March 27.—"Get out and stay out!" shouted a crowd of Austrians as the train carrying former Emperor Charles of Austria passed Feldkirch Station on its way into Switzerland.

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Opposition Dies. In Administration quarters today the view was expressed that the high tide of opposition to the league has been passed and that both in Congress and throughout the country there is a marked upturn in favor of a league. Complete confidence is voiced that the league covenant as redrafted will meet the demands of opponents of the original draft.

Already some opposition Senators have shown a tendency to be far more receptive toward the plan than at first. This change in sentiment is noted both in Republican and Democratic opposition ranks. However, there are a few Senators Reed and Poinsette, and possibly also Borah, who will fight any league proposition to the last.

President Wilson is understood to regard the ten days, between March 25 and about April 5, as the most crucial in the whole peace conference. This may have accounted for the fact that in calling Taft regarding league suggestions he urged haste in their dispatch.

## FOCH MAY MAKE GERMANS FACILITATE POLISH TROOPS

LONDON, March 27. The Paris correspondent of the London Times said today he understands "the Big Four" have decided that Marshal Foch shall demand that the Germans facilitate the landing of Polish troops at Danzig.

Reports have been received that the Germans have refused to allow Polish divisions which fought in France to disembark at Danzig.

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